What Child Maltreatment Means to Society*

- A child who is abused or neglected is 59% more likely to be arrested as a juvenile than other children.
- Abuse and neglect increases the likelihood of adult criminal behavior by 28% and violent crime by 30%.
- As many as two-thirds of people in drug treatment programs reported being abused as children.
- An estimated one-third of abused and neglected children will eventually victimize their own children.
- It is estimated that \$94
 billion dollars is spent
 each year in out-of-home
 care, health and mental
 health care, special
 education, juvenile
 justice, and adult crime to
 address the effects of
 child maltreatment.